

8. (Amended) The device as specified in Claim 1, *wherein* the drive mechanism (12) together with its drive line (48) may be coupled to the hydraulic pump (10), and *wherein* a fluid seal (50) is present, at least at the site of the drive line (48).

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9. (Amended) The device as specified in Claim 1, *wherein* the external gear pump (20) is situated together with its gears (22) in a vertically extending central plane of the flange-like coupling piece (14) and *wherein* the drive shafts for the gears (22), together with the longitudinal axis of the drive line (48), lie in planes transverse to the longitudinal central plane indicated.

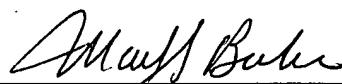
10. (Amended) The device as specified in Claim 1, *wherein* the hydraulic tank (16) represents a closed structural unit and *wherein* only the fluid contents of the hydraulic tank (16) are used to supply a consuming device to be actuated.

REMARKS

The above changes eliminate multiple dependency in the claims.

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